

We Wanted a New Gym
We Got It

THE A.M.A. CADET

We Want an Easter Holiday
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FORMAL OPENING OF MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM HUGE SUCCESS

Winter Sport Close Successful Season

In spite of the fact that the large majority of the corps think the months of January and February are the duller of all the school months, we may well see that these past two months have been anything but dull. In basketball, we have been, on the whole, very successful. True, we did not win all our games, but we were second in the South Atlantic championship, and placed two men on the All-Tournament teams. These men were Bach, forward; and Shaffer, guard. When we stop to consider there were twenty-nine teams entered in the tournament, and each man had to compete with fifty-seven others for his position, we can well see what an honor it was to be placed on these teams. Therefore, our hearty congratulations go to Shaffer and Bach.

The final game of the tournament was with Newport News, which was a very fast team. We lost by a score of 37-31; only six points, yet enough to win any game. We offer no alibis, for we lost a clean, hard fought game, and we wish to congratulate our rivals as well as the splendid showing our team made. *The Washington Post* comments that we should have won the game, nevertheless.

Our coming spring athletics look very promising at present. In baseball, seven letter men are back, Harris, W., Griffin, Whitehead, Berry, Bach, Wainwright, and Blakemore. In addition to this, some of the new men look very promising. They are;

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Annual Good Friday Holiday, March 29th

The next big frolic is on the twenty-ninth. All the keydets will be homeward or outward bound. By ten o'clock the barracks will be as deserted as a haunted house at midnight. The keydets will be all over the country. One may see them with parents, sweethearts, and otherwise. This will be a great tonic, with the exams over. Their minds will entertain—but one thought, that of having a good time.

Good Friday is probably the most popular day on the school calendar except Christmas for the keydets, certainly it ranks with Thanksgiving and the other days of freedom we have. To get out of barracks and have a whole day of freedom is one thing every one likes, and is sure one thing everyone will do when he has a chance to.

All ready reservations have been made at all the places in and around Fort Defiance, and that means A. M. A. is going to have plenty of visitors. So some keydets are going to have a big time for sure. To have your parents or friends come to see you is bound to be a guarantee of a good time, because who would we rather see? It also eliminates the worries of finances and means of transportation, that we all have on holidays.

So on the night of the twenty-eighth, all can go to bed assured of a good time the next day; knowing they can sleep till their hearts content and not be bothered about "the troublesome

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Strenuous Schedule In Military For Coming Weeks

As we come through the arch we notice that a good portion of the bulletin board is covered. Upon closer inspection, we see that it contains the drill schedule for the next several weeks, which is as follows:

WEEK ENDING MARCH 30TH
Monday—Batalion review followed by tent pitching and display of equipment.

Tuesday—Calisthenics by companies.

Wednesday—Field problem. Advance guard by companies.

Thursday—Close order. School of squad. Skeleton company drill for sergeants.

Friday—Battalion Parade.

Saturday—Extended order drill, correction of mistakes made in advance guard problem.

WEEK ENDING APRIL 6TH
Monday—Battalion review followed by tent pitching and display of equipment.

Tuesday—Field problem by company. Sections in attack and defence.

Wednesday—Close order. School of Platoon and company.

Thursday—Field problem by company section in attack and defence.

Friday—Battalion parade.

Saturday—Special drill for each company.

WEEK ENDING APRIL 13TH
Monday—Battalion review followed by display of equipment without tent pitching.

Tuesday—Calisthenics by company.

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DEDICATION DANCE BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT IN YEARS

Heads of South's Foremost Prep Schools
And Colleges Present

MUSIC BY ORCHESTRA

Kay Kyser Re- cording for Victor

Kay Kyser popular orchestra and formerly of the University of North Carolina has entered a contract with the Victor Talking Machine Co., to make records. Kay made his first record on February 22nd, using the selections "Tell Her" written by Hal Kemp, Saxey Dowell, and Kay Kyser, and "Broken Dreams of Yesterday" written by Berry Cash. The music for these selections was furnished by the United Publishing Co. The number of his record is V-40028 A. & B.

Kay and his Band played here for the Easter Hops in '27 and made a great hit. Since his appearance here he has climbed the ladder of fame and recently added two more trumpets to his brass section and another piano. Kay now possesses a twelve-piece band, carrying four trumpets and two pianos.

His aggregation has recently made itself famous in the Northern Collegiate circles by playing at Harvard, Yale, Princeton and numerous other colleges. This, plus his Southern record now

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The formal opening of the Augusta Military Academy's new \$140,000 Gymnasium was held on Friday night, March the 22nd, at 7 p. m.

The opening of the new gymnasium, the largest in the South for Prep. Schools, makes another step into the future for the Augusta Military Academy.

Among the large number of guests and visitors present were the heads of the leading Southern Preparatory Schools and Colleges for young men and women.

A reception was held on the main floor of the new Gym. and a buffet dinner was served to all those present.

Old Dominion Orchestra of Richmond played during the formal dance which followed.

One thousand formal invitations were sent to various parts of the country to alumni, patrons and friends of the school. Over one hundred and fifty alumni were present at this great event.

During the reception and while the visitors were being shown through the new building, the cadets gave athletic exhibitions of winter sports in the respective athletic rooms of the new Gym.

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AN APPEAL

You have all heard "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country?" By substitution we have "Now is the time for all good Cadets to come to the aid of their Library."

Each Cadet received a copy of the letter which Major and Col. Roller sent around, asking that he would send it home to his parents in hopes of getting material for the Library. We all know that the Library is yet in it's infancy and that a few years ago, it was a pool parlor where everybody went and had a good time but was not benefited by it. But now, the principals of this school are trying to give you something which will be a great help if you take advantage of it, but you realize the great expense of fitting out a Library of two or three thousand works.

We already have the best Prep. School Gym. in the South, two athletic fields and everything that can possibly be had for the training of the body, but so far, the training of the mind has been neglected, except in the class room alone.

Every home has a small library of it's own, some small, some large, but just the same, in every library, there are at least ten books that are never read and in most cases, there are more. Most of them are read once and then put up on some shelf to collect dust for years and years until they are thrown into some trash heap. A. M. A. can use these books to a great advantage. Write home today and ask your parents to send you these books that are collecting all this dust.

We are trying to build up a library which will have a large variety of works in it so most any book will serve the purpose, such as any kind of a novel, short story, reference book, books of poems and of that class.

Manning's Last Will

Before I die I wish to will to my friends of A. M. A. a little reward for our friendship there.

I wish to will to Street my good looks,

My sword, sash, and chevrons to Palmatory,

My will power to Charlie Payne, My strength to Mike Copps,

My smiles to Bach,

My brains to Whitehead,

My appearance to Palmer, E.,

My basketball ability to Bach,

My old wornout track shoes to Bowman and the dust I made when I passed him on the mile.

My happy thoughts to Joe Kalvin,

My horse laugh to Neal,

My swimming ability to Kirn,

My football ability to Malone,

My fatigue coat to Baydush,

My singing ability to Dorsey,

My ability to make short circuits long circuits to Hammer and Fudge,

And my bright cracks and boxing ability to Cecil Cease.

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Strenuous Schedule

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Wednesday—Field problem by company. Outpost.

Thursday—Close order. School of platoon and company.

Friday—Battalion parade.

Saturday—Special drill for each company.

WEEK ENDING APRIL 20TH

Monday—Battalion review followed tent pitching and display of equipment.

Tuesday—Field problem, advance guard. "A" company against "B" company; "C" company against "D" company.

Wednesday—Close order. School of squad and company.

Thursday—Field problem, attack and defence. "A" company against "B" company; "C" company against "D" company.

Friday—Battalion parade.

Saturday—Special drill for each company.

WEEK ENDING APRIL 27TH

Monday—Battalion review followed by tent pitching and display of equipment.

Tuesday—Calisthenics by battalion.

Wednesday—Field problem. At-

FATHER AND SON

By EDGAR A. GUEST

"My boy, I pray, although at times you doubt me,
Think this one thought unto the end about me;
I, as your father, serve no selfish pleasure.
You and your interests are my dearest treasure.

'Tis not to kill your happiness I check you.
I know how swiftly storms may come to wreck you.
I hold you back, not merely to enslave you.
I cause you grief, from greater grief to save you.

You'll live to walk with skillful men and clever.
Men who can do the things which I could never.
But, oh, my son, know this though others charm you.
I am the one friend who will never harm you.

I will not hurt you, wrong you, or deceive you,
I will not take all you can give and leave you.
I may seem sterner far than people do,
But no one lives who loves you more than I do.

My boy, I ask but this whene'er you doubt me,
Always remember this one fact about me.
When all my little faults and whims you've noted,
I am your friend, unselfishly devoyed."

tack and defense. "A" against "B" company; "C" against "D" company.

Thursday—Close order drill for each company.

see that government inspection is to take place May 7th, so lets put our best foot forward, with that "Old Augusta Drive," and we will not only get the honor

place among the first five.

—By W. S. JORDAN.

Annual Good Friday

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brass horn" that worries us so in the morning.

Here's hoping we all make big whoopee and come back with a happy heart ready for the final drive that will send us through the remaining two months with flying colors.

—CADET J. A. SMITH.

Friendship

Human life offers us nothing else so beautiful and real as friendship; not love, not prosperity, not fame, are so fair, so precious. So foster it. Let no distrust, no absence, no difference of environment dim it's luster. Let death itself be powerless to rob you of it's sweetness. Never break it, never lose it, it is the sweetest touch of mortal life.

Friday—Battalion parade.

Saturday—Special drill for each company.

WEEK ENDING MAY 4TH

Monday—Battalion review followed by display of equipment.

Tuesday—Calisthenics by battalion.

Wednesday — Field problems. Advance guard and attack by company.

Thursday—Close order drill school of squad, platoon, and company.

Friday—Battalion parade.

WEEK ENDING MAY 11TH

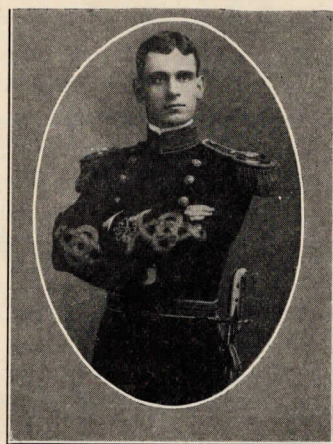
Monday—Review of all subjects.

Tuesday—Honor school inspection.

When Colonel Deems was here upon his preliminary inspection he was not so well satisfied with the tactical work of the school—so—in view of that fact, during the past two months, Colonel Roller has had tactics classes every day, instead of only twice a week as before. The tactical officers of the school, feel that during this period we have brought our work up to par, consequently the old system has again been resumed.

From the above schedule, we

High Lights of the Lives of Augusta's Faculty



MAJOR E. SEARS YATES

Major Yates came to us four years ago highly recommended and since that time has proved himself worthy of his recommendations as a gentleman, professor and as a man of great military ability.

He was born in Rappahannock County, Virginia a few years later than his friend Major Jacob. His preparatory education was obtained under the supervision of a private tutor and later at Cleveland High School, Virginia. From there he went to the University of Virginia and graduated with a B. A. degree. After completing a Post Graduate course in Languages he attended the Marine Corps' School at Annapolis, finishing as a second lieutenant. Major Yates served twenty years in the Marines and during that time he rose from a second lieutenant to the rank of a Major, which is a great accomplishment for a man in so great an or-

During his twenty years of service he was engaged in active service with troops in Cuba, Isthmus of Panama, and in the Philippines. While in the Philippines from October, 1907, to June, 1908, he was commander of the Marine station at Pollve.

From 1910 to 1911 he was stationed as commander of the Marine barracks in the Navy Yards at Washington, D. C. He married Miss K. Taylor Basloe, of Biltmore, North Carolina, and is now the father of seven children. He is now living in that beautiful bungalow on the left side of the pike traveling toward Mt. Sidney.

He carries a cane, wears spats, is down on the "rat" system, teaches Latin (but can teach any subject with equal ability) likes prize fights, tries to scare keydets by throwing rifles back at them at inspections, is an Episcopalian, has remarkable ability for instructing in the use of the foil and saber and his mind has been the cradle of several valuable inventions.

He has recently been asked to apply for the position of Police Commissioner of our nation's capitol, which he is thoroughly capable of handling, but we all hope he will give it up and stay with us, for Augusta needs men of Major Yates type.

—BY CADET HEDGE.

Winter Sports Close

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Eagles, Malone, Davila, and Ramsey.

The battery men have been working out in the gymnasium since the early part of February, and expect to be in fine fettle for the coming season. They are as follows: Pitchers; Montgomery, Bundy, Lillard, Nichols, and

Blakemore. Catchers: Shaffer, Shreckhise, Vaiewsky, S., Roulette, and Nuckols.

Captain Gallagher has refused to comment on the prospects of the season, but we may well see that such promising material has the makings of a team that will fight to the last ditch.

In track, Captain Yates, coach, has already called for candidates,

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A. M. A. 1st Captains for Past 40 Years

1889—Armistead Eggborn.....	Culpeper, Virginia
1890—D. B. Kerr.....	Fort Defiance, Virginia
1891—D. B. McCutchan.....	Greenville, Virginia
1892—W. N. Green.....	Warrenton, Virginia
1893—R. R. Richardson.....	Harrisonburg, Virginia
1894—W. C. Roller.....	Fort Defiance, Virginia
1895—W. C. Roller.....	Fort Defiance, Virginia
1896—J. L. Alexander.....	Stuart's Draft, Virginia
1897—C. S. Roller, Jr.	Fort Defiance, Virginia
1898—W. F. Hyde.....	Decatur, Virginia
1899—Ed. Warren.....	Hot Springs, Virginia
1900—Hugh Andrews.....	Monroe, Louisiana
1901—L. T. Warren.....	Hot Springs, Virginia
1902—Harry Brightwell.....	Hinton, West Virginia
1903—Hunter McCreery.....	Hinton, West Virginia
1904—B. F. Beard.....	New Hope, Virginia
1905—C. W. Parr.....	New Hope, Virginia
1906—M. S. Gardner.....	St. Louis, Missouri
1907—A. C. Pole.....	Hot Springs, Virginia
1908—Tate Sterrett.....	Hot Springs, Virginia
1909—Wm. Easley.....	Bluefield, West Virginia
1910—J. L. Jeffries, Jr.	Norfolk, Virginia
1911—Thos. Clemmer.....	Middlebrook, Virginia
1912—Ted Walters.....	Baltimore, Maryland
1913—Frank Clemmer.....	Middlebrook, Virginia
1914—Carl Loth.....	Waynesboro, Virginia
1915—Edwin Fox.....	Bluefield, West Virginia
1916—Wm. Caswell.....	Cleveland, Ohio
1917—Lauve Balthis.....	Charlottesville, Virginia
1918—Fulton Hogshead.....	Middlebrook, Virginia
1919—Harry Davis.....	Pence Springs, West Virginia
1920—Jennison Cook.....	Duluth, Minnesota
1921—C. H. Tanner, Jr.	Duluth, Minnesota
1922—George Guvernator.....	Richmond, Virginia
1923—Russell Bargamin.....	Crozet, Virginia
1924—Mason Sproul.....	Staunton, Virginia
1925—Eric Grady.....	Chicago, Illinois
1926—Edward Pryor.....	Charlottesville, Virginia
1927—C. S. Roller, III.....	Fort Defiance, Virginia
1928—G. B. Harryman.....	Baltimore, Maryland

A. M. A. Summer Camp

Captains Deane and Denton wish to announce the change of location of their summer camp, for this year and also the addition of two more members to their faculty, namely: Capt. Yates and Capt. Hodges.

Their camp this summer will be located in the heart of the Alleghany Mountains, about 12 miles from Clifton Forge, Va., on the beautiful mountain river, called Wallawatoola by the Indians which means, "Winding Waters."

This camp is composed of ten cabins and a dance pavilion. It is snuggled up against a hill in the rear with the clear waters of the river flowing gently at its feet.

There is everything that a boy could desire. Mountain climbing, fishing, swimming, boating, and a large field for all kinds of athletics.

Not far distant is the Clifton Forge Golf Club where the ones who play golf may go and try to fulfill their great golf ambitions "A hole in one."

Words cannot describe this place and do it justice. One would have to see it before they would ever believe such a place existed.

If you are planning on going to a summer camp this summer or next, you will not go wrong in seeing Capt. Deane or Capt. Denton first. They will also give you some further information concerning this camp.

Jokes

TOAST TO THE GIRLS
 Blessings on thee little dame,
 Bare of neck and knees the same,
 With thy rolled down silken hose,
 And thy thin transparent clothes,
 With thy red lips reddened more
 Buy thy lipstick from the store;
 With all my heart I wish thee Joy
 But thank the Lord I am a boy!

A FISH STORY
 Major Jacob, who is quite a fisherman seems to delight in telling fish stories. Last summer he was describing a battle he had with a fish that nearly pulled him out of the boat before he succeeded in landing it. To prove his statement, he proudly displayed the fish, which was a beauty.

Colonel Roller listened with an unconcerned air, "How much do you want for that fish?" he asked.

"Well I don't think I want to sell it" answered Major Jacob. "But what do you want with it?"

"Oh, said Colonel Roller," I just wanted to use it for bait."

Woods, (to Platoon marching in front of barracks, in line, at supper): "This line is terrible, every one of you fall out and look at it."

McCutcheon (on bottom bunk): "O. D.! come here and make Humbert raise up so I can turn over"

"I dreamed I was married last night."

"Were you happy?"
 "Yes, when I woke up."

Little Girl (mysteriously): "I know something I won't tell."

Crusty Old Uncle: "Never mind child, you will get over that when you're a little older."

Kay Kyser Recording

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 puts his foremost in America's Jazz Bands.

While in the South, Kay played under the name of Kike Kyser, but changed his title while on his record breaking Northern tour. The Cottilion Club are negotiating with him to play for the Easters again this year.

A Discription of A. M. A.'s New Gym for the Ones Who Will Not See It In the Near Feature

Our new gym which was completed this term at a cost of \$140,000 is the pride of every cadet. Mr. Lambert, of Staunton, who contracted for the building has fulfilled our idea of a perfectly and modernly equipped gym.

It is built of white bricks and trimmed with white stones. At regular intervals around the building there are symbolic insets of beautifully carved stone, by Lerner, which adds much to the beauty of the building.

The Gym located about a hundred feet east of the old Academic building has taken on quite a modernistic appearance. A sunken garden constitutes the space between the two buildings with the now enclosed pool to the rear and fronted by a wall with steps leading to the Academic Building as well as the Gym.

The front of the building may be entered through any of three beautifully lighted doorways leading into a spacious vestibule with completely equipped rooms for ladies and gentlemen to the left and right. Entrance to the balcony which has a seating capacity of five hundred may be gained by stairs on either side.

Three large doors open on the athletic floor which is one hundred and seventy-five feet long and one hundred feet wide with a beautiful stage at the north end having dressing rooms on each side. Owing to the size of this floor we not only boast of one ample court but three. However, our big games are played on a court which occupys nearly all of this space, but leaving ample room for spectators on all sides.

In the center of this room to the left is a doorway leading to the swimming pool, Coaches Room and basement.

In the large hall of the basement facing east the first door opens into the Rifle Range. This room is seventy-five long and forty feet wide containing five separate targets of the latest design.

The next door to the left leads into the Boxing Room which is seventy-five by fifty feet long.

Winter Sports Close

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and has seven letter men back for his team, Bach, Humphries, Street, Goodwin B., Marston, Copps M., and Dunlop. We all hope they will better their record of last year.

Last, but not least, comes our stellar boxing team. The men composing this team were as follows: Beery, 115 lb. class; Founds, 125; Moseley, 135; Woods, 145; Payne, 160; Bovee, 175; Copps, unlimited. These men journeyed to West Point with the full realization of competing with a very good team, and returned victorious, 4-3.

This team also entered the State Tournament, and placed second. Most of the bouts were close throughout, only three of them being technical knockouts, and one knockout.

The following is the resumé of the bouts at West Point: 115 lb. class, Beery, A. M. A., defeated Glatteer, Army, by technical. Founds, A. M. A., 125, defeated Whalen, Army, by decision. Moseley A. M. A., 135, defeated Grecco, Army, by decision. Coutts, Army, 145, defeated Woods, A. M. A., by a close decision in three rounds. Payne, A. M. A., 160 defeated Davis, Army, by decision. Biglow,

In the center of this room is the ring surrounded by circus seats affording seating for nearly a thousand people.

The first door to the right affords entrance to a very completely equipped shower and toilet room. A door on the left side of this room opens into the largest of this group of rooms, and is used entirely by the cadets as a dressing room. Four hundred steel, fireproof lockers for the cadets convenience has been placed in this room as well as a steel cage where athletic equipment is kept.

The third and last on the right of this basement hall leads into a room used by visiting teams and furnished with toilets and showers of modern design. Drinking fountains have been placed in halls and other convenient places. We feel that everyone is well pleased with the Gym and it fills a long felt want at August'a.

Formal Opening

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Several boxing bouts and wrestling matches were given in the boxing and wrestling room while the rifle team was in action in the Souths most complete Prep School rifle gallery. The fencing team not to be out done, gave exhibitions of their skill with the foil and saber.

After the reception a formal dance was held on the main floor of the new Gym with music being furnished by Myer-Davis Orchestra. The dance had the spirit and reminded us of the dances held in the old Gym.

The Cadets and young Ladies present were: Cadet Pryor with Miss Kitty Benmetl; Cadet Palmatory with Miss Jane Branch; Cadet Harryman with Miss Margaret Ijams; Cadet Payne with

Army, defeated Bovee, A. M. A., 175, by decision. Copps' bout was stopped by our coach, Captain Yates, in the first round, because of a sprained hand.

Summary of season's bouts:

Class Name	W.	L.	K.O.
(115) Beery	5	2	3
(125) Founds	4	2	1
(135) Moseley	3	2	0
(145) Woods	0	6	0
(160) Payne (Cpt.)	6	0	4
(175) Bovee	2	4	1
(Unlim.) Copps	5	1	3

Woods lost all of his bouts this year, but they were very close. It was too bad that he could not make 135, as he was only a few pounds overweight, and his opponents out-weighed him by at least six pounds. Jackie is a great fighter, having won all of his bouts, and placed first in the State Tournament last year, when he was boxing in the 125 lb. class.

On the whole, the boxing team is to be highly complimented on their splendid showing this year, because of the absence of their regular coach, Captain Denton, for two months on account of sickness. We can only hope that next year's team will be on a par with this one.

The team wishes to thank Captain Yates, and Major Jacob, for their wonderful efforts in keeping them in as splendid condition as they were, and also to publicly thank the corps for their support.

—J. F. LILLARD, JR.

Number of Boys From Each State and Total of Each Religion

Every one likes to know how many boys here are from their state and also how many have the same religious beliefs as they do. The Virginians lead in the states and the Presbyterians lead in the religions.

Virginia	103
North Carolina	41
Pennsylvania	29
West Virginia	20
New York	17
Washington, D. C.	16
Maryland	8
New Jersey	7
Kentucky	5
South America	4
Florida	2
Georgia	2
Tennessee	2
Mexico	2
Canada	1
Conneticut	1
Ohio	1
Michigan	1
Wisconsin	1
Washington	1
Louisiana	1
Delaw	1
Texas	1
California	1
Mississippi	1
Panama	1
San Salvador	1
Presbyterian	91
Episcopalian	56
Methodist	47
Baptist	27
Catholic	22
Jewis	10
Christian Science	5
Lutheran	3
Quaker	3

In Memoriam

The Corps and Faculty sympathizes with Captain Robinson in the bereavement of his brother, Temple Robinson.

At various times Capt. Robinson's brother had visited on the post, and though it was the privilege of few to know him, yet he was one of the first friends the school had.

Certainly he shall be missed by those who knew him.